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Picture Not So Rosy

GNMA Loan Would Increase GHI Monthly Mortgage Charges

by Al Skolnik

Some tough negotiations will apparently have to be conducted with the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), if Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is to get a moratorium on its principal and interest payments that is most meaningful. A first interpretation of the terms set down by GNMA was that the \$319,000 in mortgage payments would be deferred for one year, so that instead of the loan being paid off in 1977, it would be paid off in 1978. This would enable GHI to continue on with the same payments of interest and principal until the note was paid off a year later than originally scheduled.

GNMA officials have now informed GHI that this is not what they had in mind. Instead, they intended that the loan would still be paid off in 1977, in effect, combining 4 years of payments into the three remaining years of the mortgage.

GHI manager Roy Breashears said that if this was done, the increase in monthly interest and principal payments would amount to 30.7 percent. Spread over total monthly charges, the increase would come to 5.2% in 1975.

This situation would put GHI in a box since the increased principal payments alone would take about half the amount that GHI could raise in next year's budget (10%) without getting membership approval.

Directors Protest

At the Thursday, February 28, board meeting, director Norman Weyel said that GNMA's interpretation is certainly not in keeping with the intent of the relief that GHI was seeking. The board readily agreed that efforts will have to be made to inform Congressman Lawrence Hogan and Senators Glenn Beall and McC. Mathias of the need for GHI to have a longer period of time to pay back the loan.

The financial pinch facing GHI was further brought home when the board delayed action on letting out bids for heating renovations because it no longer had any uncommitted working capital or heating funds for such items.

Involved was a proposed expenditure of about \$125,000 to cover (1) conversion of brick home heating plants to variable temperature control; (2) conversion of GDC apartments to variable temperature control; and (3) conversion of 12 court Ridge from steam heat to hot water (as a model project for the possible conversion of all similar plants in the area south of Northway). Item (1) would consume about 90% of the cost of the three items.

The board asked the finance committee to provide recommendations as to how to fund these expenditures.

The corporation has already committed \$51,000 toward installation of forced draft atomizing burners, automatic controls and turbulators in the four large frame home heating plants and has expended additional sums for systematic repair and replacement of defective controls and adjustment of oil burners.

In one other heating item, the board approved an expenditure of \$500 for the retention of an engineering consultant to examine foundation crawl spaces in a representative sample of frame homes located south of Northway Rd. Installation of insulation and erection of vapor barriers in frame homes, while costly, is expected to result in considerable fuel savings.

Other Matters

Breashears disappointedly reported that the Sixth Avenue Fed-

eral Credit Union, with whom GHI had been discussing financing of GHI resales, will not initially make loans in excess of \$6,000 a year for more than a five-year period. Breashears told the Credit Union that such arrangements would not be too helpful to GHI buyers since down-payments are usually higher than \$6,000 and a pay-back period of 5 years would make the payments too large for GHI members to handle. Sixth Avenue said that after some experience the loans might be extended to \$10,000 with a payment period of 10 years.

The board voted to select a new auditor for 1974 after going 18 years with J. Henry Oehmann & Company. The low bidder was Arthur Anderson & Co. and the board will ask for one full and complete audit at end of year and a specialized audit during the year at a cost of \$9,800. Eunice Coxon from the audience suggested that GHI investigate a report that the federal government had been critical of the Anderson firm.

The board went on record opposing an on-site package sewer treatment plant for the Schrom property.

Bill Morin Takes New Job

by Ted Pritzker

Last Friday evening a farewell party was given by the staff of the Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association. The party was given in honor of Bill Morin, who just terminated his employment there after serving as Controller for the past six years.

Back in 1943 Bill got fed up with the noise and congestion of Washington, D. C. and decided to take his mother and older brother out to the suburbs to live. Exercising rare good judgment for so young a man he selected Greenbelt as the place to come to. Bill was three years old at the time. Since then he successively attended the North End School, Greenbelt Junior High, and the Carson Long Institute, a military school in Pennsylvania.

Residents of Greenbelt during the 1950s recall that Bill was engaged in musical activities in those years. He was a member of the Greenbelt Orchestra, and played clarinet and violin at different times in that group. His father had been a professional musician and Bill apparently inherited some of his musical talent. His father's career ended abruptly when he suffered a fatal heart attack while playing with the U. S. Army band in North Africa in 1943.

Early in life, however, Bill had decided to follow accounting as a career, and though a shortage of funds and family obligations operated to postpone this objective, his patience, tenacity and intelligence worked to bring him closer to this goal. For the past four years he has been attending the Benjamin Franklin University and expects to receive the degree of B.C.S. this June. If you are wondering what the letters stand for I had to ask the question myself.

TWIN PINES ELECTION RESULTS

(unofficial)

Board of Directors

(3 elected plus 2 alternates)

John S. Webb	332
George Jones	280
Bruce Bowman	228
William F. Lathom	227
Matthias Vanderzon	222
Edwin S. Spiegelthal	101
Thomas J. McAndrew	27
Francis J. Scott	18

Supervisory Committee

(1 elected plus 1 alternate)

Muriel Weidenfeld	345
Alexander Chavrid	63
Peg Wainscott	50
Miriam Cornelius	37
Irene Hensel	11

Nominations and Elections

(2 elected plus 1 alternate)

Leonie Penney	303
Henry Fisher	196
Helen Geller	138
Gertrude Wood	101
Ralph Bram	86

Recreation Review

Women's Softball Practice

All women, 18 years and over, interested in playing softball this year are invited to meet at Braden Field, behind the Youth Center, Saturday, March 9 at 12 noon.

Kite Flying Contest

It's time to start making a kite for the Recreation Department's kite flying contest which will be held Saturday, March 30, 2 - 4 p.m. on Braden Field. Prizes will be given for the most artistic, largest, smallest, highest flying, and most unusual.

Men's Invitational Slow-Pitch

Program information for the men's 'A' and 'B' league play is now available. These ASA (Amateur Softball Association) leagues will each play in a separate double robin competition for city championships Call 474-6878 for details.

Twin Pines Achieves Liquidity; Proxy Voting Stirs Members

by Miriam Cornelius

"We are again able to make co-op loans," reported William Lathom, President of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, at the annual meeting held on Tuesday, Feb. 26. This goal was reached only a few days earlier, he stated, when Twin Pines attained the states' liquidity requirement of 6 per cent cash reserves.

Since Nov. 20, 1973, when Twin Pines was granted conditional insurance by MSSIC (Maryland Savings-Share Insurance Corporation), Lathom said over \$700,000 in new money has been deposited. This leaves revision of the bylaws to conform with state law as the only requirement still to be met.

"We have accomplished an historic breakthrough and written new law," Lathom pointed out, "by making co-op loans an acceptable form of investment for a fully-insured savings and loan."

An overflow crowd was waiting in the municipal auditorium when the meeting opened at 8:45 p.m. The delay was necessary to allow completion of registration for voting, which took place in another room. Members were allowed one vote for each savings certificate or shareholder account with a balance of \$100 or more. A record number of over 500 members cast a total of 1435 votes. Results of the voting for 3 places on the 7 member Board of Directors and for members of the Supervisory Committee and Nominating Committee are given elsewhere.

In addition to the president's report, Lathom submitted a brief summary and comparative balance sheet for the years 1973 and 1972 showing assets totalling almost \$4 million at the end of 1973. He also announced the resignation of controller Bill Morin, who is leaving Twin Pines to join the firm of Rubin & Schimmel.

Supervisory Com. Report

The report of the Supervisory Committee, presented by Muriel Weidenfeld, was highly commendatory of the outgoing board for its hard work, for its appointment of so capable a manager as Steven Frankenberg, and for achieving compliance with MSSIC requirements. Committee recommendations included more privacy for depositors, an adding machine for each cashier, and greater use of advertising.

The Committee noted with regret the circulation of a proxy card with its increased emphasis on proxy voting. Lathom commented that the board was in unanimous agreement with John Webb's letter on the "ill-conceived proxy" (see News Review, Feb. 21). "We meant well," he said.

Proxy Voting

The proxy voting system appeared to cause the most serious concern. James Cassels asked bluntly how many proxies were voted by the board and how many by other members. The cards were brought in and Director John Unger announced that the board

John Webb, acting chairman of the Twin Pines board of directors, announced on Tuesday that the board has voted to have a recount of the balloting for the board in light of the 1-vote difference for the third spot. Webb said that many questions had been raised in connection with the proxy votes and the use of a single ballot for multiple voting of family groups. The recount will be held this weekend.

had held 37 undirected and 17 directed proxies and that in addition 173 proxies had been voted by non-board members.

Revision of By-laws

The cumulative effect of this and other questions was to re-emphasize the inadequacy of bylaws adopted years ago when Twin Pines was a smaller and more informal organization. Because of the lateness of the hour, however, the report of the bylaws committee, selected several months ago with John Unger as chairman, was held over.

Nominating Committee

Reporting for the Nominating Committee was its chairperson, Leonie Penney, who also conducted the process of receiving nominations for all vacancies, whether on the boards or on a committee, and to cast all ballots together so that the ballot box could be closed and counting begin.

At 11:30 p.m. the members voted to recess the meeting while the ballots were counted. The meeting was reconvened about 3:30 a.m. with John Unger in the chair to hear the election results. (See accompanying box for unofficial results.)

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., March 7, 8 p.m. GHI Information Meeting, Greenbelt Library
Fri., March 8, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room
Sat., March 9, 11-3 p.m. Boys & Girls Club Registration, Youth Center & SHL Community House
Tues., March 12, 7:30 p.m. Mary Bethune PTSA Meeting
Wed., March 13, 8 p.m. GHI Information Meeting, North End School
Thurs., March 14, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place
7:45 p.m. Woman's Club, Library

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NOTICE

Mail subscription rates for the Greenbelt News Review will go up from \$6.50 a year to \$8 a year, effective March 7, for new or renewed subscriptions. This decision was necessitated by the recent increase in postal rates.

Lion Belles Hold Dance

The Greenbelt Lion Belles held their Ninth Annual installation of officers with a dinner dance at the Ramada Inn, Lanham, on Feb. 16. Installed as officers for 1974-75 were president, Joan Freeman; vice-president, Edna White; secretary, Sherry Brubaker; treasurer, Pat Hand; goldigger, Dot Ewing.

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Gardens in Our Park?

To the Editor:

A visit to the Lake Park last Sunday (March 3) revealed again that our lake is a very popular site for the community. City council (Feb. 25) has created a further burden to citizens seeking use of the lake for leisurely recreation by giving a few Greenbelters (I guess 15 to 20) exclusive use of an area of the Lake-Park south of the Municipal Building for garden sites. While gardening is an excellent recreational activity which is rewarded by wholesome food, I seriously question the prudence in council's action. The area in question has been proposed by Park and Recreational Advisory Board (PRAB) as a designated ball playing area in the Lake-Park Master Plan which is now before council. Presently there is no designated ball playing area in the Lake-Park, except Braden Field.

Citizens, is it equitable to use only a part of the park land for garden sites? Why not use the dam area, Braden Field, McDonald Field and best of all drain the Lake (a fine fertile area with a stream for irrigation) for garden sites for all the rest of us tax payers.

James V. Parochetti

Course For Couples

"A Weekend for Young Married Couples," sponsored by the Office of Community Services of Prince Georges Community College, will be held Friday and Saturday evenings, March 15 and 16, at the Greenbelt Youth Center from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The program will stress the art of staying in love, how to survive and grow in marriage, and the responsibilities of parenthood. It is basically geared to those who have been married five years or less.

Registration may be made by contacting the College Office of Community Services at 336-6000. Ext. 303, between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mary Bethune PTA

The Guidance department will be featured at the Mary Bethune Junior High School PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. Parents are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Imaginary Opposition?

To the Editor:

So far about the only people I've heard speak for the Greenbelt Save Our Community Committee is one person - Mr. Thomas White. Also, so far the only people I've heard speak for the Prince Georges Environmental Coalition is one person - Mrs. Rhea Cohen.

And I would like to make a suggestion to both Mr. White and Ms. Cohen: Publish the membership list of your respective organizations so we will indeed know what the opposition to Greenbriar really is... and the strength of that opposition!

With respect to the other three members of City Council, do they belong to one and/or both of those organizations?

Frankly, I think we have some Don Quixotes in our midst chasing an imaginary windmill called pollution of our stream - yet we have a real and present danger with the pollution of the bloodstreams of our youth with unwanted chemicals as they pursue the habits of the Drug Culture!

Ben A. Hogensen

Apologies and Thanks

To the Editor:

Not until too late did I realize that I had forgotten to introduce the members of the Twin Pines Nominating Committee to the Annual Meeting. My apologies and at the same time my sincere thanks for all their efforts to Charles T. McDonald, Leatrice (Peg) Wainwright, Sue Lange, Margaret Bridge, Ralph Bram and Henry Fisher.

Next, I want to thank the 303 members of Twin Pines who voted for me in my candidacy for the Nominating Committee. I promise you that for future nominations I will continue the search for members who have both the professional competence and the practical experience in those fields which are of importance to a Co-operative Savings and Loan Association.

Leonie Penney

Chairperson Twin Pines Nominating Committee

Glaucoma Test Result

Ninety-two people were screened for glaucoma on Feb. 20 and twenty people were designated for further examination. The new eye mobile unit belongs to the area Lions Clubs.

MISHKAN TORAH

A Purim Carnival will be given by the Sunday School of Mishkan Torah on Sun., March 10 starting at 1 p.m. Booths and a magic show will be featured. Members and guests are welcome.

A special membership meeting to discuss the employment of a new rabbi will be held on Mon., March 11 at 8 p.m.

Children's Program

Children's programs continue at the library with an unregistered story program on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for 3-5 year olds. Also on Tuesdays, at 4 p.m., is a book discussion for 10-12 year olds in the program room. Wednesday, March 13, at 2 p.m. 8-12 year olds will be entertained with skits, puppets and stories. In the event school is in session this program will be at 4 p.m. "Just for Fun," a variety program of stories, activities and crafts is held every Thursday at 4:15 for 6-9 year olds.

MISHKAN TORAH DANCE

A gala "Purim Ball" complete with buffet-dinner and live music will be held at the Mishkan Torah, on Saturday, March 9 at 8:30 p.m. The Sal Caruso Band will play until midnight. Costumes are optional. For ticket information call 439-8772 or 474-4223.

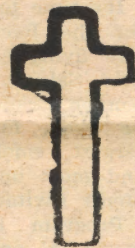
THANKS

To the Editor:

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their sympathy and their gracious acts of kindness extended to us at the time of the tragic death of Otis Lee Keys, Jr., our beloved son - brother - nephew.

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Parkdale Symphony to Perf.

The Parkdale Symphony Orchestra will perform on Friday, March 8 at 8 p.m. in the school multipurpose room. The public is invited. There will be a fee.

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March 4, 1974

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- Upon the death of former and present city elected officials and classified employees, all flags shall be flown at half-mast until after the funeral, unless a larger period of mourning is declared.
- Upon request from any citizen, the Greenbelt city flag shall be lowered to half-mast on the day of the funeral for any city resident or person who had close ties with Greenbelt.
- All flags shall be flown at half-mast during periods of police department mourning for police officers killed in the line of duty.
- The U.S. flag shall never be flown at half-mast without the other flags also being lowered. The state flag shall not be flown at half-mast without lowering the other flags.

GHI Members

TWO INFORMATION MEETINGS
for

PROGRESS REPORTS ON:

- Energy Conservation Measures
 - Upgrading Our Heating Systems
 - Financing
- Financing Resales
- Question & Answer Period

1st Meeting: March 7, 8:00 p.m. Greenbelt Library

2nd Meeting: March 13, 8:00 P.M. North End School

YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND

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DOWNES NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR MNCPPC

John F. Downes, Jr., Prince Georges County Planning Director for The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has been named Acting Executive Director of the Commission effective March 2, 1974.

Downes brings to his new position more than 15 years of planning experience with the Commission. Downes and his wife Dolores and eight children live at 4-D Crescent Rd.

TENNIS ASSOC. NEWS

At the January meeting, the Greenbelt Tennis Association elected the following officers: Sue Modzelewski — President, Bob Jackson — Vice President, Steve Sinden — Treasurer, and Jerry Forbes — Secretary. GTA's plans for this year include at least three tournaments, Ladder Play, monthly seminars on basic strokes, junior tennis league, etc. The season will officially begin with the tournament which sets up the tennis ranking ladder. The ladder tournament will be held the last two weekends in March. Watch future News Review issues for further details.

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Appeals Board Grants Greenbriar Variance

by Al Skolnik

By a 2 to 1 vote, the County Board of Appeals last week granted Greenbriar Associates a variance permitting it to construct both an on-site temporary sewage treatment plant and building no. 17 on parcel 2-B of the Greenbriar apartment complex. In the absence of the variance, construction of both the sewer plant and the building would have violated the R-30 zoning requirement that each parcel in the project have at least 70 percent green space.

The majority of the Board of Appeals consisting of chairman Ralph I. Sonntag and Callie Mae Heffron foresaw "unusual practical difficulty" if the developer, Alan Kay, were forced to return to the project to finish building 17 at some later date after the sewage plant was dismantled and the rest of the development substantially completed. This course was what the city of Greenbelt and civic groups had urged be followed.

Delayed construction of building 17, the board said, will produce "safety and health hazards with a continuous flow of heavy construction equipment and traffic for the residents of the community, especially those of buildings 15 and 16, and the children at the school which are all adjacent to the building in question."

The board majority held that little or no evidence was presented to indicate that there would be any adverse effect on the residents of Greenbelt or Greenbriar by altering the green space requirement by 1.53% on a temporary basis. The developer had pointed out that the variance would still permit 68.47% of green space on the parcel and that actually 3/5 of building 17 could be constructed without violating the green space requirement.

The board majority also accepted the developer's argument that his time table had been upset by the failure of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to make sewage facilities available, that these circumstances had forced him to construct a temporary sewage treatment plant on the premises, that the costs to finish constructing building 17 would be considerably higher, and that a condition of the present financing on the project was to erect the buildings in sequence.

"For the Board to deny the petitioner's request would be a punitive act to the petitioner for being subject to conditions incurred by the delay in the construction of the expanded sewage facilities by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission," the board said.

Krasnick Dissents

Raymond Krasnick, the third member of the Board of Appeals, strongly objected to this line of reasoning. He said that there was nothing in the zoning code that required the developer to build a package sewage treatment plant or to build a group of buildings in violation of green space requirements.

Furthermore, he saw nothing in the zoning code that gave the board power to consider the monetary hardship of the developer. He emphasized that no testimony was offered showing hardship, other than monetary hardship, for the petitioner if his request were denied.

"Any hardship placed upon the developer in this case," Krasnick said, "was, in fact and by his own admission, created by himself and was based on his own requirements to build yet another garden-type apartment complex in Prince Georges County."

Krasnick also dismissed the developer's argument that delayed construction of building 17 would place a hardship on tenants by commenting on the tendency of garden-type apartment complexes to engage in piecemeal construction in any event.

The city of Greenbelt at the February 11 hearing had expressed its view that the developer's request for a variance was a breach of his word that there would be no violation of green space in connection with the sewage plant. County councilman Francis White had also expressed his objection

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News Review's humorist, Judith Goldstein, 56-C Crescent, was given the "Boss of the Year" award for 1974 by the D. C. Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Del Malkie, editor of the Prince Georges Post presented Mrs. Goldstein the award at the association's banquet on February 25 in the Embers restaurant, Wash.

Prince Georges General Hospital has a new assistant hospital information officer — Mrs. Jane DeMarines of Springhill Lake. She will be in charge of in-house public information; writing news releases, the hospital's weekly newsletter and other publications. Mrs. DeMarines previously worked in professional public relations with the American Cancer Society and S.R.O. Productions, both in Baltimore.

Woman's Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in Greenbelt library's meeting room, Thurs., March 14, at 7:45 p.m. The speaker will be J. Edwin Hutchinson of the Juvenile Court, and the subject will be "Justice for Juveniles". All parents of teen-agers are invited to attend.

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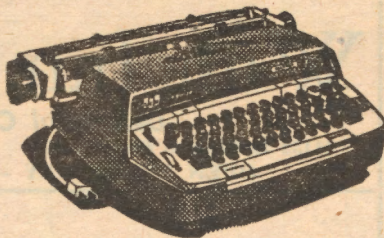
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to the variance as being not in conformity with the county council's desire to restrict construction of building 17, as cited in the county resolution of January 29.

In voting for the variance, the Board of Appeals added a series of provisos that (1) the treatment plant be used solely for the residents of Greenbriar; (2) that the developer shall post a performance bond in the amount of \$50,000 to insure that the project will be hooked into the permanent WSSC system within 30 days after it is available; and (3) that the temporary plant be dismantled and removed from the premises within 60 days after the completion of the hookup to the WSSC system with the said land being graded, sodded, and returned to the project as green space.



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